

As the name suggests, this 238-mile byway is a veritable playground for history buffs. The pioneer life of the area is echoed in the words of author Willa Cather, and remnants of those times are preserved in historic communities and attractions such as the [Homestead National Monument of America](#).

As you roam through the native tallgrass prairies, perhaps you can even image yourself there, settling the land that would eventually become Nebraska.

After the history lesson, stretch your legs at state parks and recreation areas such as [Indian Cave State Park](#).

. Area lakes also offer plenty of water activities including some excellent fishing.

And if you plan your trip during the summer months, you may want to check out the variety of festivals in the area. These proud communities are known for celebrating American heritage as well as the cultural heritage that many immigrants brought with them to the Plains.

THE ROUTE: A 238-mile stretch from historic Brownville on the banks of the Missouri River to Edison on U.S. Highway 136.

